

Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA)

PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY

The mission of the Landscape Architecture Program is:

“to educate and prepare students to have active and creative professions in landscape architecture through inclusive and interdisciplinary design methodologies and community engagement”. – October 2, 2017

CORE BELIEFS

The Landscape Architecture program is to engage the unique features of regional landscapes to serve as the educational platform for academic inquiry and research, while also providing students with comprehensive experiences, knowledge of design, ethical standards, and the technical skills necessary for professional licensure.

Links to Helpful Prospective Student Information

Admission Information <https://www.kent.edu/admissions/graduate-degree-student-requirements>

For graduate student information and academic policies:
<https://www.kent.edu/graduatecollege/academic-policies-forms>

For Kent State University guide to graduate education see:
<https://www.kent.edu/facultyhandbook/guide-graduate-education>

Link to Kent State University Cost of Attendance page:
<https://www.kent.edu/tuition>

Student Achievement

In Spring 2025, 2 students graduated from the Master's of Landscape Architecture Program, 1 graduated in 3 years (100% rate within 3 years).

Year	Number of MLA degrees granted
Fall 2025	1
Spring 2025	2
Spring 2024	2
Spring 2023	2
Spring 2022	2
Spring 2021	1
Fall 2021	1
Spring 2020	1
Spring 2021	1
Spring 2019	4
Summer 2018	4
Spring 2018	1
Spring 2017	3

Retention and cumulative graduate Rates

MLA 1 – 3 year program

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Enrolled	3	2	7	3	7	8
% returned in 2 nd year	100%	50%	57%	33.3%	84%	63%
% returned in 3 rd year	100%	50%	28%	33.3%	42.85%	
% graduated in 2 years	33.3%		14%		28.6%	
% graduated in 3 years	66.6%	50%	28%	33.3%		
% returned in 4 th year						
% graduated in 4 years						

Student Accomplishments

MLA focus and distinction has been validated through the following list of student successes.

The Cultural Landscape Foundation Nominated Olmstead Scholar

2025	Morgan Mackey
2024	Aya Keskeso (Finalist awarded \$5,000 scholarship)
2023	Saba Tajali
2022	Amanda Mumford
2021	James Sasser
2020	Maci Nelson
2019	Lama Tawk

OCASLA Student Awards

2024	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award, in recognition of academic achievement for her studio project - Aya Keskeso MLA (24)
2024	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, in recognition of academic achievement for her studio project - Asmita Dahal MLA (24)
2023	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award in recognition of outstanding academic achievement for her Studio Project – Morgan Mackey MLA (25)
2023	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, in recognition of academic achievement for her studio project - Saba Tajali, MLA (23)
2021	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award in recognition of outstanding academic achievement for his Studio Project- Brendan Alcorn MLA (22)
2020	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award in recognition of outstanding academic achievement for his studio project. - James Sasser MLA (21)
2019	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, in recognition of academic achievement for her studio project Katherine Kelleher, MLA (19)
2025	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award, Morgan Mackey (25)
2025	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, Ghazel Shemirani (25)
2024	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award, Asmita Dahal (24)
2024	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, Aya Keskeso (24)
2023	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award, Saba Tajali (23)
2023	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, Jody Lathwell (23)
2022	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award, Amanda Mumford (22)
2022	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, Brendan Alcorn (22)
2021	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award, James Sasser MLA (21)
2021	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, Nicole Trapp MLA (21)
2020	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award, Maci Nelson MLA (20)
2020	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, Nicole Trapp MLA (21)
2019	Ohio ASLA Student Honor Award, Anna Enderle MLA (19)
2019	Ohio ASLA Student Merit Award, Katherine Kelleher MLA (19)

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Landscape Architecture Design Award

2025	Cole Sukys (25)
2024	Asmita Dahal (24)
2023	Saba Tajali (23)
2022	Saba Tajali (23)
2021	Nicole Trapp (21)

Landscape Architecture Research Award

2025 Emily Strogin (27)
2024 Morgan Mackey (25)
2023 Jody Lathwell (23)
2022 Amanda Mumford (22)

Landscape Architecture Master's Project Award

2025 Morgan Mackey (25)
2024 Aya Keskeso (24)
2022 Brendan Alcorn (22)
2021 James Sasser (F22)

Deans Scholarships

Brendan Alcorn MLA (22)
Amanda Mumford MLA (22)
James Sasser MLA (22)

Traveling Fellowship

2019 Maci Nelson MLA (20) Xeriscapes, Nevada

The Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society

2020 Maci Nelson MLA (20) Inductee

Teaching Assistantships

Ghazel Sheremirani (25) Fall 2024
Saba Tajali (23) Fall 2021, 2022
Maryam Barharvandi (23) Fall 2021

Faculty Assistantships

Lindsay Busby (27) Fall 2024, 2025
Khadija Khaizran (27) Fall 2024, 2025
Nafia Ahmed (27) Spring 2025
Shristi Bhandari (26) 2023 - 2026
Devi Godha (26) 2023 - 2026
Cole Suskys (25) 2023- 2025
Morgan Mackey (25) 2022-2025
Asmita Dahal (24) 2021- 2024
Kalene Miller (24) Fall 2021
Amanda Mumford (22) Spring
2020 Katherine Kelleher MLA (19) Spring 2019

Research Assistantships

Emily Strogin (27) Fall 2024, 2025
Samin Shegeft (26) Fall 2024, 2025
Ghazel Sheremirani (25) Spring 2024
Saba Tajali (23) Spring 2022, 2023
Maryam Barharvandi (24) Spring 2022
Jody Lathwell MLA (23) Fall 2020
Amanda Mumford MLA (22) Fall 2019
Lama Tawk MLA (19) AY 2018/19